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APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 664 asked by Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd December 1922, page 1170 supra]

Report.

Clause 4.—The Government understand that the Adi-Dravida who was formerly in the Cuddalore taluk board is now a nominated member of the district board and that no other suitable member of that community is available. An Adi-Dravida could not be appointed to the Chidambaram taluk board as the owner of the rented house in which the taluk board office is located has objected to the Adi-Dravida entering the premises. To get over this difficulty, steps are being taken to construct a building for the taluk board office.

A Vania (oil-monger) M.R.Ry. V. Rajagopala Chettiyar Avargal, B.A., Pleader, has been appointed to the Cuddalore taluk board and a fisherman M.R.Ry. K. Ramaswami Nattar to the Chidambaram taluk board.

Clause 5.—M.R.Ry. D. J. Rajanayakam Avargal, B.A., L.T., a member of the Chidambaram taluk board, is a Protestant.

Clauses 6 *and* 7.—It is not possible to appoint members to represent the various innumerable communities as the number of seats for nomination is very limited and the communities referred to in section 9 (5) of the Act have to be given preference.

APPENDIX B.

[Vide answer to question No. 665 asked by Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd December 1922, page 1170 supra.]

President's letter.

I have the honour to furnish answers to the question referred to in Government Memorandum No. 17203-1, L. & M., dated 24th November 1922:—

Clause 1.—The answer is in the affirmative.

Clause 2.—Persons defeated at the polls are not disqualified under the Madras Local Boards Act for being appointed to local boards.

Clause 3.—All the gentlemen referred to in this clause were nominated in the best interests of administration of the taluk boards to which they were respectively nominated.

II

FLOODS IN THE VAIGAI.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"May I crave your permission, Sir, to ask the hon. the Revenue Member to give us some particulars about the damages done to property and life in the two districts of Madura and Ramnad by the recent floods in the Vaigai and in other rivers? I have already given private notice of this to the hon. Member."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am sorry I have not got at the present moment a detailed or complete report about the extent of the damages caused by the recent floods. But as there is a great desire on the part of the hon. Members who represent